



**Virginia Green** is the Commonwealth of Virginia's campaign to promote environmentally-friendly practices in all aspects of Virginia's tourism industry. **Virginia Green** has established "core activities" specific to each sector of tourism, and these practices are considered the required minimum for participation in the program. However, **Virginia Green** encourages its participants to reduce their environmental impacts in all aspects of their operations; and this profile provides a full list of all their "green" activities. These are the activities that guests / customers can expect to find when they visit this facility.

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## **Virginia Green Profile:**

# **Bear Creek Lake State Park & Bear Creek Meeting Hall**

## **Cumberland, Virginia**

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Bear Creek Lake State Park is located less than an hour west of Richmond, in the heart of the Cumberland State Forest. The park features a 40 acre lake, camping, cabins, and hiking trails. The new Bear Creek Meeting Hall can serve a maximum of 65 people and 25 cars and is available for weddings and other events. Bear Creek State Park is committed to environmental excellence and works to minimize environmental impacts whenever possible.

**Virginia Green Activities.** When visiting Bear Creek State Park and Water's Edge Conference Center, you can expect the following practices:

### **CORE ACTIVITIES**

- **Recycling**
- **Waste Reduction**
- **Water Efficiency**
- **Energy Conservation**
- **Optional Linen Service**
- **Green Events Package**

### **DETAILS:**

- Recycle aluminum cans, plastic, office paper, toner cartridges, newspaper, packing supplies, fluorescent lamps, and batteries
- Track overall waste bills
- Use dishware and glassware to minimize use of disposables
- Disposables made of recycled content materials
- Donation of excess food from events

- Effective food inventory control to minimize wastes
- Use of electronic correspondence and forms
- Purchase of durable equipment and furniture
- Use of reused building materials or those from sustainable sources
- Use of latex paints
- Proper recycling and/or disposal of thinners and solvents
- Preventative maintenance of all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing, and vehicles
- Use least toxic materials
- Minimize use of pesticides and herbicides
- Preventative maintenance of drips and leaks
- Water flow metering to discover leaks and areas of high use
- Use dry clean up methods over water-based methods
- Low flow toilets
- Vegetative buffers around streams and ponds
- Install LED Exit Signs
- High Efficiency Heating and Air Conditioning (HVAC) and use ceiling fans
- Use of natural lighting and lighting sensors
- Thermal rated windows and insulation
- Use of directional lighting in parking lots and outdoor areas
- Purchase water-efficient washers and dryers
- Use non-phosphate, non-toxic, biodegradable laundry detergents
- Minimize use of bleach and chlorinated chemicals
- Use linen service providers that employ “wet” versus “dry” cleaning

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For more information on **Bear Creek State Park**, see [www.dcr.virginia.gov/state\\_parks/bea.shtml](http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state_parks/bea.shtml).

For more information on **Virginia Green** program, see [www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/virginiagreen](http://www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/virginiagreen).



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